

REMARKS

As a preliminary matter, Applicants thank the Examiner for withdrawing the previous claim objection.

Also, Applicants thank the Examiner for discussing the above-identified case with Applicants' representatives. No agreement was reached with respect to the prior art rejections.

Claims 1-20 are all the claims pending in the application and are rejected over the same references set forth in the previous Office Action. Specifically, claims 1-4 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0144144 to Weiss et al. (hereinafter "Weiss"), and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,339,929 to Zelig et al. (hereinafter "Zelig") and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0129150 to Jung. Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Weiss, Zelig, Jung, and further in view of Lim et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,873,096). Claims 6 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Weiss, Zelig, Jung and Lim as applied to Claim 5 above, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,020,084 to Tanaka et al. (hereinafter "Tanaka"). Claims 8-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Weiss, Zelig and Jung as applied to Claim 2 above, and further in view of Tanaka and U.S. Patent No. 6,701,437 to Hoke et al. (hereinafter "Hoke"). Claim 17 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Weiss, Zelig and Jung as applied to Claim 16 above, and further in view of Tanaka. Finally, claims 18-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Weiss, Zelig, Jung and Tanaka as applied to Claim 17 above, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,446,200 to Ball et al. (hereinafter "Ball").

§103(a) Rejections (Weiss / Zelig / Jung) - Claims 1-4 and 16

Claims 1-4 and 16 are rejected based on the reasons set forth on pages 4-9 of the Office Action. Further, the Examiner adds a few supplemental arguments in the *Response to Arguments* section of the Office Action.

Brief descriptions of the applied references are set forth in the previous response.

With respect to independent claim 1, Applicants maintain that none of the applied references, either alone or in combination, discloses or suggests at least, “wherein, if a registration request is transferred through an identifier based on registration rules provided for a registration of at least one of the external home networks from a multi-home service application built into the information devices connected to the at least one of the external home networks, the control unit maps the requested at least one of the external home networks and the identifier into the database,” as recited in claim 1. Applicants point out that the Examiner acknowledges that Weiss and Zelig do not satisfy the above emphasized features of claim 1, but the Examiner alleges that Jung satisfies this feature and cites paragraph 49 and Figs. 5 and 12 of Jung. According to Applicants’ review of the cited portion of Jung, Jung only discloses that a mobile node 10 requests a particular service, and that a virtual private network service can be registered based on the requests of the mobile node. Differently, the above quoted feature of claim 1 specifically recites that a registration is requested for the registration of an external home network, and if said registration request is transferred through an identifier based on registration rules, the requested external home network and the identifier are mapped into a database. The cited portion of Jung does not disclose or suggest the requesting of the registration of an external home network, but only discusses services requested by a mobile node. At least based on the foregoing, Applicants submit that claim 1 is patentably distinguishable over the applied references, either alone or in combination.

Applicants submit that claims 2-4 and 16 are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency from independent claim 1.

§103(a) Rejections (Weiss / Zelig / Jung / Lim) - Claim 5

Applicants submit that claim 5 is patentable at least by virtue of its indirect dependency from claim 1. Lim does not make up for the deficiencies of the other applied references.

§103(a) Rejections (Weiss / Zelig / Jung / Lim / Tanaka) - Claims 6 and 7

Applicants submit that claims 6 and 7 are patentable at least by virtue of their indirect dependencies from claim 1. Tanaka does not make up for the deficiencies of the other applied references.

§103(a) Rejections (Weiss / Zelig / Jung / Tanaka / Hoke) - Claims 8-15

Applicants submit that dependent claims 8-15 are patentable at least by virtue of their indirect dependencies from independent claim 1. Tanaka and Hoke does not make up for the deficiencies of the other applied references.

§103(a) Rejections (Weiss / Zelig / Jung / Tanaka) - Claim 17

Applicants submit that claim 17 is patentable at least by virtue of its indirect dependency from claim 1. Tanaka does not make up for the deficiencies of the other applied references.

§103(a) Rejections (Weiss / Zelig / Jung / Tanaka / Ball) - Claims 18-20

Applicants submit that claims 18-20 are patentable at least by virtue of their indirect dependencies from claim 1. Ball does not make up for the deficiencies of the other applied references.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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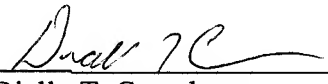
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